GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3309
ANSWERED ON:06.09.2007
``PILFERAGE OF CRUDE OIL``
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

to the Unstarred Question No.1357 dated March 8, 2007 and state:-

(a) the outcome of the departmental enquiry conducted against M/s. Sharda Transport Company;

(b) whether the ONGC has conducted an enquiry into the pilferage attempt at Navagaon GGS-I as ordered by the Hon'ble High Court;

(c) if so, the details of the enquiry Authority and the findings in the report;

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the Firm in this regard; and

(e) the time by which action is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c) ONGC had constituted a Departmental Enquiry Authority consisting of a DGM, Chief Engineer and Manager immediately after the pilferage attempt on 04.04.2006. The Enquiry Committee submitted its report on 17.04.2006 and made following specific recommendations.

Checking of tankers while entering/going out of GGS including breaking of seal/lock be done by shift crew only in the presence of CISF security guard.
Security at gate be strengthened so as to avoid incidence of escaping of tanker crew from installations during loading/unloading operations.
Dedicated manpower in shifts for unloading activities so as to maintain work-discipline with proper authority and responsibility.

The above recommendations have been implemented and are now part of standard procedure.

Copy of the enquiry report was submitted to the 'Honorable High Court of Gujarat'.

(d) & (e) Contract of the firm has been terminated from 01.08.2007 on account of poor performance and bank guarantee invoked. The case is under arbitration.